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FIRE DESTROYS GOSEWISCH BLD'G

Started in Basement of
George Nassar's
Grocery.

GRATZ'S HIT AGAIN

Gillen's Hardware Stock Almost Ruined—
Second and Third Stories Contained
Old Gosewisch Furniture.

Lexington had another big fire yesterday morning when the stocks of Gillen's hardware store and Geo. Nassar's grocery store were almost totally destroyed by flames which were discovered at 4:40. Gratz Brothers' department store was also badly damaged by water.

The alarm was sounded at 20 minutes to 5 and the department arrived early. The flames started in the basement of Nassar's grocery, where many cases of matches were stored. The firemen experienced great difficulty in fighting the flames as they were confined under the basement stairway. They had to knock in the back door through which to put their hose.

At first the night pressure was on and little could be done until the water plant was notified. By the time the pressure was sufficient, the flames had climbed the stairway leading to the second floor and on up to the third. Again the fire had to be fought from the outside, the firemen, this time, using the second story windows. The exterior of the building was only slightly damaged, but the fire played havoc with the interior. While the stock of Nassar was burned out, that of Gillen's and Gratz Bros. suffered damage from the deluge of water which came through the ceilings and walls. The firemen made a brave fight considering how hard the flames were to reach.

Nassar's stock of groceries, valued at between six and seven thousand dollars, is completely destroyed. It was partially insured.

Gillen's splendid stock of hardware is almost a total loss. A perfect river of water flowed through his store and the only things which escaped it were a few articles taken out beforehand. His stock, which was one of the best in town, was worth \$3,500 and is insured for \$5,500.

The amount of Gratz's loss cannot be ascertained as yet but it is supposed to be very large. The shoe department was not damaged any to speak of but the clothing stock was deluged with water. A small portion of the stock, slightly damaged, was taken out.

The building occupied by Messrs. Gillen and Nassar, is owned by Dr. W. H. Gosewisch of Los Angeles, California. Mr. Gillen will resume business at once with what stock that he has, in the building formerly occupied by Kriehn and Wilker.

The furniture of the old Gosewisch family was still on the second and third floors and is a complete loss. The building is fully insured.

The Raes Return.

The Raes at the first performance of their return three nights' engagement at Geyer's Grand Opera house Thursday evening were greeted by a good crowd, and made even a greater hit than they did before. The opening bill was LaTisha, which they featured last time and which is a very strong play. The Raes gave a finished performance of this piece.

Mr. Rae returns to Lexington with a stronger company, generally, than he had before. The weak spots have for the most part been wiped out and now he has a well rounded and talented company. Randolph Gray, Ida Weston Rae, John Rae and Fred Dunning are decidedly strong in whatever parts they take and are actors that one does not see in every repertoire company.

Inspection at Wentworth.

Capt. Lockridge Friday began the most thorough inspection that Wentworth Military Academy ever went through at the hands of a government officer.

In the morning there was roll call, at which 170 cadets were present, inspection of quarters, battalion review, escort to color and battalion inspection. After dinner there was company drill, battalion drill, parade

and cavalry drill and inspection.

Saturday was set aside for signal squad work, bridge building and erection of fortifications by the engineers, first aid to the injured and artillery drill.

There was a good sized crowd present to witness the ceremonies.

Humdingers Hammered.

The Wentworth second team defeated Cobb's Humdingers on the Academy campus Wednesday afternoon by a score of 9 to 8. The game was close all the way and the two teams alternated in the lead. Gregg did the slab work for the civilians and Willford for the cadets, with Jim Kinkade and Skinny Campbell as the respective receivers.

Prof. Cobb explains the defeat of his aggregation by the inability of several of his players to put in appearance. He had to fill up on Elks.

Wentworth Wins From Kemper.

With Hurley pitching, the Wentworth cadets defeated Kemper in the first of a two game series Tuesday by the score of 6 to 2. Hurley fanned 15 men. The cadets at the barracks celebrated the victory Tuesday night by marching through the streets, in a night shirt parade. The band led the procession.

Kemper Takes Second.

Kemper defeated the Wentworth ball team in the second game at Booneville Wednesday by a score of 2 to 0. Hurley tried the stunt of pitching two games in succession and again held down the Kemperites, but the other artists from this town were unable to clout. This leaves the two teams with honors divided as they were last year.

Episcopal Church.

Services at Episcopal Church Sunday morning and evening by Rev. C. H. Bohn of Nevada.

Leroy Farmer was in Kansas City Thursday.

Miss Emily Lambert visited in Kansas City Thursday.

Capt. J. Q. Plattenburg spent Thursday in Kansas City.

Rev. R. B. Briney went to Kansas City Thursday for a brief stay.

George Nassar went to Kansas City Thursday morning on business.

Dr. Claude Johnson went to Kansas City Thursday to spend the day.

Mrs. Ernest Kriehn returned from Kansas City Thursday evening.

Will Gaffa went to Kansas City Thursday morning to spend the day.

H. G. Russell returned Wednesday evening from an extended trip to South Dakota.

Mrs. S. N. Wilson returned Wednesday evening from a visit with relatives in Warrensburg.

Mrs. J. M. Peak and daughter, Miss May, returned Wednesday evening from a few days' visit in Kansas City.

Mrs. Fay Hisey of Kansas City arrived Wednesday evening for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. P. Long.

Mr. and Mrs. Talbot Simpson came up from Aulville Thursday evening for a few days' stay.

Rev. and Mrs. T. M. Cobb returned Thursday evening from a short stay in Ottumwa.

Mrs. Frank Stewart left Wednesday for a trip to Clinton.

Wm. Palmer went to Kansas City Wednesday for a brief stay.

Dr. J. J. Fulkerson went to Kansas City Wednesday to spend the day.

Miss Carrie Field went to Kansas City Wednesday for a few days' visit.

W. R. VanAnglen went to Kansas City Tuesday evening for a short stay.

Miss Jean Wiley left Wednesday for Sylvan, Wash. Light, for an extended stay.

Mrs. H. C. Ardinger returned Wednesday from a visit with relatives in Louisiana, Mo.

Miss Fannie Sawyer returned Monday evening from a visit of several days in Kansas City.

Mrs. C. H. C. Russell returned to her home in Kansas City Sunday evening after a visit with relatives in Lexington.

Mrs. M. J. Patterson and little daughter, Mary Elizabeth, returned Tuesday evening from a visit of a week in Colony, Kansas.

A marriage license was issued yesterday morning to:

Thomas C. Price.....Levay

Lissie McMinn.....Levay

MAYVIEW NOTES.

S. M. Greene says he knows of a good place to fish. It is near Grand Pass and he adds that he would like to catch one that weighs 125 pounds.

R. W. Douthitt surprised his many friends here last Thursday when he got off the evening train saying "let me introduce to you my wife." He married Miss Belle Richardson of Kansas City. We wish them all the joys and happiness that is possible to a married life.

Mrs. Nannie Puckett and son, Cecil, came down from Kansas City and spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Puckett.

Rev. Taibert and wife attended the 90th anniversary of the founding of the I. O. O. F. in Baltimore. They met, they celebrated and all felt that it was something to be an Odd Fellow.

Mrs. Laura Graves of Independence is here this week with friends and is seeing about some improvements to be made on her farm.

Mrs. J. C. Calfee spent last Tuesday morning to visit with relatives and friends.

Ed and Bradley Sanders are home from Texas on a visit with home-folks.

Maurice Norfleet and wife came down from Kansas City Tuesday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Williamson. He is still improving.

Miss Nettie Heidbrink is quite sick. Dr. Nickell reported her better Wednesday. We hope she will continue to improve.

Mrs. Mamie Prince of Odessa came down last Thursday and went out to her father, Butler Moore, Jr., for a short visit.

Mrs. Sam Winn of Kansas City is here for a short stay with relatives.

Elmer Tracey and wife of Slater visited friends here last week.

While Dr. C. A. Nickell was returning from the Confederate Home with his father and son, Lewis, last Thursday in his automobile at the crossing near George Foulds the C. & A. Red Flyer struck his auto. They were not hurt. Guess it was a case of "what is to be will be." The doctor says the train crew gave no warning by whistle or bell and he did not notice the train until he was on the crossing. Then he tried to clear it. The engine struck the rear end and they were whirled into the air. When he got up he found he was not hurt. Turning his attention to his father and son he found they were not injured. The train stopped and brought them on to town. It was surely a narrow escape.

The Mayview High school commencement is a thing of the past. The students taking part were with title of their essays: Guy Greene, Education; Oscar H. Rabius, Class History; Miss Sevilla Williamson, Travels of a Coin; Lloyd Winn, Forty Years Hence; Miss Frances B. Wilmot, Class Poem, Other Poems, Class Will; Walter Smith, Duty; Miss Marguerite Benning, On Achievement's Tidal Wave. They were greeted with a full house and all the selections were good and showed that all had put in a good deal of time in preparing their essays. They were all delivered as orations from memory. Miss Tarleton Belles and Miss Lydia Belle Butt deserve special mention as to their rendition of their musical selections which were up-to-date and enjoyed by those present. The male quartette, Judge Butt, Otto Nolte, Chas. Nolte and Prof. Taylor proved themselves to be in good trim and their selections were good and well received by the audience. Prof. Taylor made a short talk to the graduates as they were given their diplomas. Prof. Taylor and wife also rendered a vocal duet, which was appreciated. Miss Kate Bullard and Miss Bettie Benning assisted in the double quartette.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the friends and neighbors who so kindly gave us their aid and sympathy during the illness and death of our loved daughter and sister.

A. J. SPEAS AND FAMILY.

Capt. Fred Day returned Wednesday from a trip to Maryville, Kansas.

DOVER NOTES.

Capt. E. V. Zeysing had business in Lexington last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Vaughan were in Higginsville Saturday.

Geo. B. Gordon of Lexington was here Saturday.

Mrs. Lizzie White came home Friday from a two weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Virgie Johnson, at Lexington.

Eugene Shelby of Lexington was here Sunday.

Frank Fitchett and sister attended services at the Methodist church here Sunday.

Mrs. Jessie Groves visited in Lexington last week.

W. W. Meng and Capt. E. V. Zeysing had business in Waverly Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Plattenburg, Mrs. Oliver Martin and Mrs. R. P. Harwood, shopped in Higginsville Tuesday.

Hilton Lewis and family of near Alma spent Sunday here.

Mrs. Margaret Zeysing is visiting this week with her daughter, Mrs. Bowman Corder, near Alma.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lewis of Corder visited with relatives here Sunday.

H. L. Corbin, Sr., had business in Kansas City last week.

Bob Harwood and Hub Redd were in Lexington last Thursday night.

Miss Susie Eastwood of Oak Grove is here this week visiting with friends.

Coleman Chamblin of Page City spent Sunday here.

Mr. and Mrs. Mickey of Hodge spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bertrand.

Miss Edith McLain of Higginsville visited Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Redd.

H. S. Winn is quite sick at his home in Kansas City with cerebral paralysis.

Eld. Wm. Cook is seriously ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Will Neer.

Died at his home south of town on Monday, April 25, James Taylor, aged about 45 years. Interment was in the Dover cemetery Tuesday afternoon.

CORDER ITEMS.

Master Ceicle Starke is on the sick list this week.

Miss Mollie Johnson is in Lexington on business this week.

James Buchanan and family visited in Higginsville Sunday.

Miss Edna Corder returned to Corder last Saturday after teaching a successful term of school at Three Grove.

A number of the citizens are taking advantage of the sunshine and are doing the spring house cleaning.

Harvey Fox and family visited with friends and relatives in Higginsville Saturday and Sunday.

Thomas Bannan was called to Kansas City Saturday evening to the bedside of Hub Winn, who is ill. Mr. Bannan returned home Sunday evening.

Tom Jones visited the fairer sex in Higginsville Sunday.

Mrs. Claude McClure and Miss Dena Virwicks drove over from Hodge last Thursday to visit with relatives here.

A new curtain was purchased for the auditorium stage last week and was in use for the first time Tuesday night.

Miss Mary Barley of Central college of Lexington spent Sunday at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Barley.

Gordon Jackson and family of Waverly were the guests of D. G. Jackson Sunday.

Monday men began to tear down the building on the lot bought by S. M. Reynolds for the purpose of moving the old school building to that place. The building will be moved as soon as possible.

Walter Lunbeck of Malta Bend drove up last week and visited with the family of E. S. Willis of this place.

Steve Kelley, Jr., arrived here last week after an extended visit with his grandparents in Leavenworth, Kansas.

Hugh Hackley and wife spent several days of last week in this city as the guests of Mrs. Bettie Hackley and daughters.

Ben Wilson left Monday evening for Lincoln, Nebraska, where he will

take charge of the life insurance business for the Metropolitan Insurance company.

G. A. Freking spent Sunday in Blackburn with relatives.

Miss Jessie Head of Odessa attended the Sleeping Beauty play last Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hudson and grandson, Hutson Thomas, drove to Higginsville Sunday to visit with friends.

Miss Corrine Herring of Brunswick is visiting with Misses Hannah and Joda Groves this week.

"The Sleeping Beauty" play given at the Auditorium by the intermediate rooms of the public school under the management of Misses Eva O'Malley and Mary Marquis last Tuesday night was regarded by the audience as fine. The house was nearly full and the proceeds fully met the expectation of the managers. The curtain rose at 8 o'clock and the play consisting of four acts lasted until after ten. The proceeds went to buy the curtain which was in use that night.

Miss Lucile Reynolds entertained the high school teachers and a few other guests at six o'clock dinner Monday evening. The guests arrived early and outdoor sports were enjoyed. Among the most interesting was croquet. At six supper was announced and the guests adjourned to the dining room where an elegant dinner was served. After dinner the party was ushered to the parlor where they spent a pleasant evening. One feature of the evening was a cutting and drawing contest. Prof. Hughes and Miss Jodie Hackley carried away the prizes. When the party broke up everyone expressed himself as enjoying the evening. The hostess is a very popular entertainer.

The play given last Friday night under the auspices of the Christian church was given a place in the rank of the best. All the seats were sold at an early hour at Morgan's drug store and only chairs and standing room could be obtained by those who had not purchased seats and came late. The first act began at 8:15 prompt with which the laughter also began and lasted throughout the evening. The special music between acts was of the choicest selections and without one exception the audience showed its appreciation by extended applause. "The Village Post Office" is a public place as was shown by the large audience, the largest that has ever occupied the new auditorium. The proceeds of the evening's entertainment went to the Christian church and the chair fund.

Letter List.

The following letters remain uncalled for at the Lexington Postoffice Saturday, May 1, 1909.

Ben Beasley, Miss M. Beapend, B. T. Bedford, Robt. Glenn Berry, John Boggs, Mrs. R. B. Boone, Miss Mary Conklin, R. J. Cartwright, Miss Mary Colbudge (2), Miss Philbetus Crigger, Miss Maggie McCarty, James B. Dunny, Samuel Duebbert, Harry V. Greene, Miss Elveria Hughes, W. J. Hoorgan, Mrs. Neva Henry, Mr. John Harrod, F. B. Hayward, Geo. Keath, Mrs. Maud Keath, John Missouri, Florence Nonce, Alace V. Randolph, Estella Smith, Mr. Huber Smith, Miss Beattie Smith, Robt. Vance (2), Lee Williams.

When calling for these letters please say they were advertised.

DELIA CROWDER,
Postmaster.

Take Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinance in relation to dog tax will be enforced from and after the first day of May and I will proceed to kill all dogs within the City limits not paid on.

James N. Price
City Marshal.

J. R. Wilmet went to Kansas City yesterday on business.

Mrs. Robert Taubman spent yesterday in Kansas City.

Miss Jean Meng returned from Kansas City Thursday evening.

Miss Mattie Littlejohn of Kansas City arrived Thursday evening for a brief stay in this city.

R. A. Hicklin went to Kansas City Wednesday on business.

Fresh homemade Candies at Barron & Sheets.

Revere coffee is the best coffee in the state. Try it and be convinced. Have it ground by our electric mill. It cuts the grain regular and you get the full benefit of the coffee. At Jos. L. Long, Cash Grocer.

GERMANS WILL CELEBRATE

Lafayette Pioneers to
Meet Here May
18th.

NICK HEARLE IN CHARGE

Morning Session and Big Dinner to Be
Held in Turner Hall—Afternoon Program in Opera House.

The Germans of Lafayette county are planning a big celebration in honor of the eleventh anniversary of the Pioneer society to take place in Lexington on Tuesday, May 18. This function is an annual affair and last year was held in Concordia. Nick Hearle, as usual, will be master of ceremonies and this fact insures the success of the meeting.

Music for the occasion will be furnished by Smith's orchestra and the singers of the German choir of Lexington. In the morning there will be a business session in Turner hall, at which will occur the address of welcome by Nick Hearle and the regular election of officers. At noon the ladies will serve dinner to the Pioneers and their guests in the hall. The German ladies of Lexington are noted for their artistic preparation of delectable viands, and it is a foregone conclusion that the dinner will be all that could be desired in regard to both quantity and quality.

At two o'clock in the afternoon there will be a big entertainment in the opera house at which there will be music of a high order and speaking by Dr. Liasack and other well known German orators.

The Pioneers are anticipating a good time and they will undoubtedly have it.

AN IMPORTANT CAPTURE

Sheriff Peacock Gets Much Wanted
Crook in Houston, Texas.

Sheriff Winfield S. Peacock has returned from Houston, Texas, with John Dawson alias William Gerod, an all round crook known to almost every police department in the larger cities of the West. Mr. Peacock went to Texas after this man on information supplied by Chief Ahern of the Kansas City police force. The sheriff went to Jefferson City last week and secured the requisition papers from Governor Hadley and left immediately for Texas to present them to the Governor of that state. Dawson was being held by the sheriff of Harris county, Texas, on the charge of having assaulted and robbed the sheriff of a diamond stud.

Many people living in this county will probably recall the name of John Dawson in connection with the series of crimes committed during the county fair at Higginsville three years ago. Dawson, a criminal with a record made in five states, drifted into Higginsville while the fair was on and began a series of hold-ups and pocket pickings. He practiced his profession for the most part upon the incoming and outgoing C. & A. and Mo. Pacific trains. The officials made every effort to effect his capture and finally he fell into the hands of Sheriff Charles Kinkade. Mr. Kinkade was taking him to Kansas City when Dawson attempted to escape by jumping from the train. His leg was broken in the attempt and Dawson was taken to a Kansas City hospital, from which he escaped before the officers could re-arrest him.

The prosecuting attorney and sheriff of this county, assisted by the Kansas City police department, have been on the lookout ever since but nothing was heard of him until the telegram came announcing his arrest in Texas.

F. N. Adams was in Higginsville Wednesday.

Prewitt Roberts was in Kansas City Wednesday.

E. H. Oehlszager spent Wednesday in Wellington.

Miss Jean Meng visited in Kansas City Wednesday.

Charles Lyons was in Kansas City Wednesday on legal business.